Micro-Dino

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Handling Your Dinosaur

- Keep the Micro-Dino's case dry. If it gets wet, wipe it dry immediately.
- Use and store the Micro-Dino only in normal temperature environments.
- Keep the Micro-Dino away from dust and dirt.
- Handle the Micro-Dino gently and carefully. Don't drop it.
- Wipe the Micro-Dino's case with a damp cloth occasionally to keep it looking new.

Modifying or tampering with the Micro-Dino's internal components can cause a malfunction and might invalidate its warranty. If Micro-Dino is not performing as it should, take it to the local RadioShack store for assistance.

Replacing Batteries

Micro-Dino comes with two LR-44 button-cell batteries (Cat. No. 23-115). When the display dims or the game does not work properly, follow these steps to replace the batteries.

CAUTION: Always remove old or weak batteries. Batteries can leak chemicals that can destroy electronic parts.

1. Use a small Phillips screwdriver to remove the screw from the battery compartment cover.
2. Slide the cover down.
3. Remove the old batteries.

   WARNINGS: Keep batteries out of reach of very young children. Swallowing a button-cell battery could be fatal. Dispose of old batteries promptly and properly.

4. Install new batteries with their positive (+) sides facing up.

   CAUTIONS: Use only fresh batteries of the required size and recommended type. Do not mix old and new batteries.

5. Replace the cover and secure it with the screw.

Introduction

Your Micro-Dino is a pet you can call your very own. Watch your dinosaur grow as you feed it and play with it. And, be sure to clean up after it to keep it healthy!

As you care for it, your dinosaur grows up healthy and happy. But, if you neglect it, the dinosaur becomes sick and unhappy, and might even die.

When your dinosaur dies (either from sickness or old age), you can reset it to start all over with a brand new dinosaur.

Removing The Insulation Slip

Before your dinosaur can be born, you must remove the plastic slip from the battery compartment. Grasp the slip and gently pull it out.

Introducing...Your Dinosaur

Your new-born dinosaur jumps up and down in its volcano. Then the dinosaur plays in the garden and goes about its daily routine.

Just like a real dinosaur, Micro-Dino needs attention every day. You must feed, clean, play with, and discipline the dinosaur, and you must give the dinosaur a dark place to sleep. Some of the Micro-Dino's activities happen at about the same time each day.

When the dinosaur needs something, it "barks" to alert you. Try to figure out what it needs. For example, if the dinosaur is hungry, feed it. If the dinosaur is lonely, play with it. If the dinosaur leaves a mess, clean up after it.

Sometimes, the dinosaur might shake its head no and refuse to do something. If the dinosaur wants to sleep. It will shake its head "no" if you try to play with it.

The dinosaur dies if it gets too sick or gets too old. When the dinosaur gets too old, it says "Good Bye." See "Bringing A New Dinosaur Home" below.

Setting The Clock

As soon as the dinosaur arrives, you should set the clock so you and your dinosaur are on the same schedule and so you can keep track of the dinosaur's age and weight.

1. Press MODE. You see the time.

2. Hold down ENTER for about 2 seconds until the seconds digits disappear.

3. Repeatedly press (or hold down) the left button to change the hour digits and the right button to change the minutes digits until the current time shows on the display. (Be sure you see AM if it's morning, or PM if it's afternoon.)

4. Press ENTER to store the time. The seconds digits reappear and the clock continues to run.

5. Press MODE to see the dinosaur again.

Turning The Sound On and Off

You hear a "bark" (a beep) when the dinosaur needs something and a beep each time you press a key, but you can tell your dinosaur not to make these noises.

To turn off the sound, press MODE to see the clock, then press the right button.

To turn the sound back on, press MODE then the right button again.

Care

As The Dinosaur's Owner... you are responsible for taking care of it. Here's how.

Press ENTER to see the symbols. Repeatedly press the left or right button until the symbol for the activity you want appears. Then press ENTER again.

Feeding

To feed Micro-Dino, choose (food icon). (This is the first symbol that shows.)

Press the left or right button to point to what you want to feed your dinosaur. Then press ENTER. Keep feeding your dinosaur until it refuses to eat anymore.

Turning the Light On and Off

To turn the light on or off, choose (light [sun] icon).

Press the left or right button to point to the bright lamp or the dim lamp, then press ENTER.

When the dinosaur goes to sleep and zzZ appears, turn off the light. The dinosaur is happier and healthier if you turn off the light while it sleeps. Otherwise, it does not sleep well and can easily get sick. When the dinosaur wakes up (zzZ disappears), turn the light on again.

Playing with the Dinosaur

Here is where you'll have the most fun with your Micro-Dino! To play with the dinosaur, choose (toys icon).

Your dinosaur tries to catch a ball. Press the left or right button to guess the direction the dinosaur is facing so it can catch it. If you choose the correct direction, the dinosaur is happy and the sun shines. Otherwise the dinosaur shakes its head.

After five guesses, the number of right and wrong guesses shows (right shows on the right). If you have more right guesses than wrong ones, the sun shines again and the happiness index increases (see "Checking On Your Dinosaur" below.)

Taking the dinosaur to the Vet

This is a special screen. The dinosaur is telling you it doesn't feel well. To take it to the vet, choose (doctor's bag icon). The vet gives the dinosaur a shot.

But, if you try to take the dinosaur to the vet when it is not sick, the dinosaur shakes its head.

Cleaning Up

When (sad face icon) appears in the lower right corner, the dinosaur needs to have a mess taken care of. To clean up after the dinosaur, choose (bathtub icon.)

If there is a mess, it goes into the trash can. If the dinosaur did not make a mess, it shakes its head.

Hint: If you do not clean up after the dinosaur, it becomes sick.

Checking on Your Dinosaur

When you want to "ask" how your dinosaur is doing, choose (scales icon). You see how old your dinosaur is (one year equals one day), and how much it weighs (in grams).

Repeatedly press the right or left button. You see bars that show the dinosaur's hunger, happiness, and discipline levels. The fuller the bar (the darker it is), the better.

Press MODE to see the dinosaur again.

Disciplining the Dinosaur

To have your dinosaur grow up right, it sometimes needs discipline. Choose ("hurt" face icon) to increase the dinosaur's discipline level.

Bringing A New Dinosaur Home

No matter how well you take care of Micro-Dino, eventually it reaches the end of its life. When this happens, use a pointed object, such as a straightened paper clip, to press the RESET hole at the back of the case.